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## **Letter: The case against vaccines**

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Recent piggybacked Gazette-Times letters erred about the Washington woman whose 2015 death involved another measles strain not found in the Disneyland outbreak. A USA Today article stated she “died of pneumonia, had other health conditions and was taking medications that suppressed her immune system.”

All four factors (other illnesses, measles, medications, and/or a suppressed immune system) could contribute to death from pneumonia. So why the singular focus on measles, ordinarily a mild illness not threatening one's health and which strengthens the health of many children, providing lifelong immunity?

Why the nationwide hysteria, the flood of one-sided media reports urging universal vaccination, and legislation to ban all nonmedical exceptions to vaccination (personal, religious, conscientious) for public school children? Why coerce parents into vaccinating their kids despite knowledge of specific vaccines' ineffectiveness; the very real potential for harm, including serious neurological damage; a strong scientific record against vaccination; and superior natural alternatives like vitamins C and D?

Why all this shoved down our throats over minor, nonlethal outbreaks? Who's profiting? It's nonsense and violates the public trust.

Public health authorities and some doctors have a one-sided, hysterical view of illness, ignoring the all-important other factor known as the patient and their resistance to disease, based on nutritional status and overall health, factors constituting a more cost-effective approach we should emphasize anyway.

Incidentally, vitamin C is a powerful broad-spectrum antiviral effective against strains of most common infectious illnesses and various gram-positive, gram-negative, and other bacteria.

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